

For: State and County Offices

Implementing Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) When Funds Become Unavailable

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1 Overview

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Background

Recent natural disasters in agricultural counties have resulted in numerous requests for ECP assistance. Because of the high demand for ECP funds, the National ECP reserve is nearly depleted. It is anticipated that in the near future demand for funds will exceed the funds available.

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Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices to handle new requests for implementation according to 1-ECP, subparagraph 105 C.

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2 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- immediately review their ECP ledgers and verify amounts needed

Note: Any funds not needed in the State or County Office for the disaster for which they were originally allocated should be returned to the National Office as soon as FSA-357 is received in the State Office.

- immediately notify Ilka Gray at the National Office, by either of the following, of any available ECP funds:
 - FAX at 202-720-4619
 - e-mail at ilka_gray@wdc.usda.gov

Notes: FSA-357 shall be processed accordingly.

A recent review of 305 ledger reports indicates ECP funds are available on ledgers. **Remember that ECP funds are only authorized for use for disasters for which they were originally allocated.** ECP funds cannot be used for any other disaster or purpose; therefore, no reserves shall be set up in State or County Offices in anticipation of any future usage.

- as soon as practicable, remove ECP funds from the State ledger when FSA-357 is received in the State Office.
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B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow 1-ECP, paragraph 105, when the State Office has received concurrence from the National Office to implement ECP, or from the ECP National Program Manager if there is a drought, but no ECP allocation has been received

Note: See 1-ECP, paragraph 22.

- review ECP ledgers and notify the State Office as to funds no longer being needed for the disaster for which they were originally allocated
 - remove ECP funds from the ledger when notified by the State Office.
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